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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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# MINUTES.

Rahway, N. J., October 19th, 1869.

The Synod of New Jersey met agreeably to adjournment, in the Second Presbyterian Church in this City, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a Sermon from the 48th Psalm—from the 12th to the 14th verses, inclusive—by the Rev. Villeroy D. Reed, D.D., the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

## PRESENT.

### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH TOWN.

### MINISTERS.

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| Rev. L. Bond, | Rev. E. H. Reinhart, |
| " F. F. Cornell, D.D., | " Geo. Sheldon, D.D., |
| " J. C. Edwards, | " E. B. Edgar, |
| " B. Cory, | " Geo. C. Lucas, |
| " J. T. English, | " E. Kempshall, |
| " S. S. Sheddan, D.D., | " G. S. Plumley, |
| " L. H. Van Doren, | " J. A. Liggett, |
| " S. Kellogg, | " Thos. Carter, |
| " J. C. Rankin, D.D., | " J. H. Jackson, |

Rev. Aaron Peck.

### ELDERS.

Messrs. John McDowell, Day, Joseph Woodruff, Scofield, Smith, Cory, Morris, Meeker, Mundy, J. M. Doty, D. S. Doty, Jonathan Woodruff, Potter.

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### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF PASSAIC.

### MINISTERS.

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| Rev. A. Chester, | Rev. W. C. Roberts, |
| " J. M. Ogden, D.D., | " J. B. Patterson, |
| " H. N. Brinsmade, D.D., | " A. Yeomans, |
| " E. Harris, | " G. C. Pollock, |
| " J. Fenner, D.D., | " J. A. French, |

Rev. R. Street,
" D. Irving, D.D.,
" E. R. Craven, D.D.,
Rev. W.H.Hornblower,D.D.,
" Walter Condit,
" A. J. Winterick,
Rev. Hollis Reed.

## ELDERS.

Messrs. W. C. Wallace, Rankin, Faitoute, Atchison, Price, Smith, D. L. Wallace, Dod, Little, Jenkins.

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### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

## MINISTERS.

Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D.,
" Geo. Hale, D.D.,
" T. L. Janeway, D.D.,
" L. H. Atwater, D.D.,
" J. H. McIlvaine, D.D.,
" John Hall, D.D.,
" J. R. Mann, D.D.,
" S. Finney,
" S. M. Hamill, D.D.,
Rev. J. G. Symmes,
" R. S. Manning,
" W. E. Westervelt,
" S. M. Studdiford,
" J. S. Van Dyke,
" W. A. Jenks,
" J. B. Kennedy,
" D. J. Atwater,
" L. V. W. Schenck.

## ELDERS.

Messrs. Shepherd, Maclean, Owens, Meyrick, Ford, Titus, H. H. Stults, R. C. Stults, Snedeker, Rust, Scudder, Brearley, Holcomb, Drake, Cooley, R. McDowell.

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### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

## MINISTERS.

Rev. E. D. Bryan,
" A. H. Hand, D.D.
" T. B. Condit,
" J. J. Carrell,
" W. H. Kirk,
" D. Tully,
" J. H. Clark,
" D. K. Freeman,
" E. C. Cline,
" R. B. Foresman,
Rev. H. B. Townsend,
" T. L. Byington,
" T. A. Sanson,
" Wm. Laurie,
" C. E. Van Allen,
" W. B. Darrach,
" I. H. Doremus,
" P. H. Brooks,
" F. E. Miller,
" M. Barrit,
Rev. T. McCauley.

## ELDERS.

Messrs. Weller, Kelly, Reed, Dosenberry, Johnson, Lindenbury, Hull, J. G. Shipman, Coolbaugh, Depew, G. B. Shipman, Waters, Kinney, Britton, Mackey.

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### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST-JERSEY.

### MINISTERS.

Rev. M. Williamson,
" F. D. Harris,
" A. H. Brown,
" Wm. Bannard, D.D.,
" C. R. Gregory,
" W. E. Jones,
" E. P. Shields,
Rev. R. J. Burtt,
" N. McConaughy,
" R. H. Davis,
" F. R. Brace.
" A. Proudfit,
" S. W. Pratt,
" H. H. Beadle.

### ELDERS.

Messrs. Stevens, Gibbon, Nixon, Richman, Jones.

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### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA.

### MINISTERS.

Rev. C. C. Corss,
Rev. Wm. Harris.

### ELDERS.

Messrs. Young and McFarland.

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### FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF LUZERNE.

### MINISTERS.

Rev. E. H. Snowden,
" John White,
" T. P. Hunt,
" Saml. F. Colt,
" N. G. Parke,
" C. R. Lane,
" H. H. Welles,
" W. J. Day,
Rev. D. Deruelle,
" W. E. Honeyman,
" B. C. Meeker,
" W. H. Dinsmore,
" J. M. Salmon,
" A. B. King,
" A. G. Harned.

### ELDERS.

Messrs. Blanchard and Fuller.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF RARITAN.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. Willox,
" P. A. Studdiford,
" G. S. Mott,
" J. A. Blauvelt,
" N. L. Upham,
" I. B. Kugler,
Rev. S. Harrison,
" J. Burrows,
" I. D. Randolph,
" J. B. Adams,
" J. T. Osler,
" Wm. Swan.

ELDERS.

Messrs. Hoffman, Stryker, Stoothoff, Neighbour, Lummer, Bellis, Carpenter, Bowne, Smith, Wilson, Hunt, Bosenbury.

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FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF BURLINGTON.

MINISTERS.

Rev. S. Miller, D.D.,
" V. D. Reed, D.D.,
" Lewis C. Baker,
Rev. K. P. Ketcham, D.D.,
" E. B. Hodge,
" J. Greenleaf, Jr.

ELDERS.

Messrs. Chambers, Taylor, Van Atta.

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FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. McFarlane,
" J. Todd,
" C. F. Worrell, D.D.,
" T. Wilson,
" J. T. H. Waite,
Rev. A. P. Cobb,
" F. Chandler,
" J. L. Kehoo,
" J. O. Denniston,
" D. F. Lockerby.

ELDERS.

Messrs. Byram, Van Doren, Terhune.

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FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

MINISTERS—None.

ELDERS—None.

The roll having been called, the Rev. Samuel F. Colt was unanimously chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. R. K. Rodgers and Geo. Hale were chosen Clerks.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the Synod at this meeting, made the following report, which was adopted:

1. That there will be public worship in this Church at 7 1-2 o'clock, when the Rev. Dr. McIlvaine will preach.

2. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered in this Church on Wednesday afternoon at 2 1-2 o'clock.

3. That a meeting with reference to the work of Foreign Missions be held in this Church, on Wednesday evening, at 7 1-2 o'clock, and that the narrative of the state of religion be read at that meeting.

They also recommended that the Synod meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and take a recess at 12 M.; that they meet at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., take a recess at 5, and meet at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.; and also, that the first half hour of the morning session be spent in religious services.

The Synod then took a recess until 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod met and attended upon public worship agreeably to the arrangements of the Committee on religious exercises.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Synod then spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

Ordered, That the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod be dispensed with.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure a new blank book, in which to record the minutes of the Synod.

The Rev. W. W. Blauvelt, D.D., of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

It was stated to the Synod that the Rev. D. V. McLean, D.D., of the Presbytery of Monmouth, was prevented by sickness from attending this meeting of Synod.

Letters were read from the Rev. C. E. Ford, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, and the Rev. A. Armstrong, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from this meeting.

*Resolved*, That the Synod of New Jersey, in session at Rahway, send fraternal greetings to the Synod of New York and New Jersey, in session at Poughkeepsie, New York, and rejoice in the coming closer union, spiritually and ecclesiastically.

The Rev. Sandford H. Smith, of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Dr. Reed, and the Rev. Messrs. Corss, Chandler, Reinhart, Ogden, Jenks, Foresman, Parke, Williamson and Mott, Ministers, and Messrs. Van Atta, Stevens and Young, Elders, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Rankin and the Rev. Messrs. S. M. Studdiford, Todd, Brown, W. Harris and Lane, Ministers, and Messrs. Richman, and Hull, Elders, were appointed a Judicial Committee, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Messrs. Price and Brearley were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts and make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod.

Rev. Messrs. Kempshall and Symmes were appointed a Committee to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion for the next year.

Rev. Messrs. S. M. Hamill and P. A Studdiford were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Rev. Messrs. Plumley and Roberts, Ministers, and Dr. G. M. McLean, Elder, were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records.

Rev. Dr. Miller and Mr. Van Dyke, Ministers, and Mr. Cooley Elder, those of Elizabeth Town.

Rev. Messrs. Upham and Bond, Ministers, and Mr. Fuller, Elder, those of Passaic.

Rev. Dr. Blauvelt and Mr. French, Ministers, and Mr. Rankin, Elder, those of New Brunswick.

Rev. Dr. Ketcham and Mr. Carter, Ministers, and Mr. Bowne, Elder, those of Newton.

Rev. Messrs. W. Harris and Yeomans, Ministers, and Mr. Little, Elder, those of Luzerne.

Rev. Messrs. Randolph and Foresman, Ministers, and Mr. J. G. Shipman, Elder, those of Susquehanna.

Rev. Messrs. Salmon and Adams, Ministers, and Mr. Van Doren, Elder, those of West Jersey.

Rev. Messrs. Jones and Welles, Ministers, and Mr. Nixon, Elder, those of Raritan.

Rev. Dr. Bannard and Mr. Swan, Ministers, and Mr. Bellis, Elder those of Burlington.

Rev. Messrs. Baker and Burrows, Ministers, and Mr. Gibbon, Elder, those of Monmouth.

Rev. T. P. Hunt introduced a resolution with reference to the duty of ministers and Church members, in the election of men to public office, which, after some discussion, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. T. P. Hunt, Dr. McIlvaine and Dr. Craven, Ministers, and Messrs. J. G. Shipman and Little, Elders.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Synod, having heard with great satisfaction the able and excellent sermon preached at the opening of the Sessions by the retiring Moderator, expresses the hope that he will consent to have the same published.

The Committee on Contributions to the benevolent schemes of the Church, made the following report which was accepted and adopted:

As soon as practicable after the adjournment of Synod, the Committee gave the most earnest and careful attention to the subject committed to them; two meetings were held, and after due deliberation the following paper was unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, In the judgment of this committee, after conference with the different Boards, the sum of $74,000 is the least that should be raised in the Synod the current year, for the benevolent schemes of the church, viz:

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| For Foreign Missions, | $30,000 |
| " Domestic Missions, | 20,000 |
| " Education, | 6,000 |
| " Publication, | 5,000 |
| " Church Extension, | 5,000 |
| " Disabled Ministers, | 4,000 |
| " Freedmen, | 4,000 |

*And Whereas*, The raising of this sum requires a contribution from the congregations at large of only $2.64 per annum [or 5-7ths of a cent per day], per member, therefore

*Resolved*, That the raising of this minimum sum be apportioned to the Presbyteries in proportion to the number of their communicants, with the recommendation to the Presbyteries that it be apportioned to the congregations, in proportion to the number of their communicants, respectively.

*But Whereas*, The sums thus allowed will manifestly be below the ability of many of our congregations, and will fall below what has already been contributed by a large number, therefore

*Resolved*, That those Churches which in former years have con-

tributed more than this minimum portion, be earnestly exhorted not only to come up to the full measure of their liberality in past years, but also to surpass it ; that the possible failures of weak congregations within our own bounds, and in other sections of the Church, may be supplemented, and that the amount contributed by the whole Church may bear some adequate proportion to its wealth, and to the opportunities now opening to the Boards, of extending their operations for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

In deciding upon the sums to be raised, the Committee had reference to the wants of the Boards as set forth by their proper officers, and to the ability and willingness of the Churches as exhibited by former contributions, naming for each object the lowest sum named.

The most difficult part of the Committee's work was to decide upon the principles of apportionment.

It was impossible to ascertain the relative ability of the different Presbyteries. The contributions of former years presented no correct criterion. Had this been a principle element in our apportionment, congregations that have heretofore been very liberal as compared with others, would have been asked to increase their contributions as much as those who have done very little.

The amount contributed for congregational expenses was no safe guide. The numbers and comparative strength of the congregations could not be ascertained.

These difficulties led the committee to fall back upon the principle, that every church member ought to contribute something to the established agencies of the Church, and we might safely ask an average of one cent per day from each communicant.

This taking the statistics last year, which gave us over 28,000 church members, would enable us to realize as the aggregate of the contributions, the sum of $102,000, or $28,000 more than the sum fixed as the least we should attempt to raise. These figures were employed not to fix the principle upon which contributions should be made, but to determine the lowest standard of ability. We could raise $74,000 a year if our communicants only give 5-7ths of a cent per day. We could more than double this amount if all our church members give according to their ability, and others in our congregations not communicants contribute as they have done and will do.

A circular letter embodying the above action of the committtee and reasons therefor, together with the apportionment to the different Presbyteries was sent to each minister and the Session of each vacant congregation in the bounds of the Synod. Measures

were also adopted to bring the subject before the Presbyteries for their action.

As to results, the Committee have hardly sufficient knowledge to form a definite opinion.

The working of the plan was necessarily imperfect during the past year, owing to the difficulty of getting it before the Churches until several months of the Synodical year had expired, and the delay incident to the developing of a new measure requiring the co-operation of so large a number of persons.

In general we believe that it has been favorably received. A few may have treated it with indifference—perhaps with intentional neglect. But in most instances we think it has been accepted as at least worthy a fair trial, while in very many cases it has stimulated to increased contributions to all our benevolent schemes.

Some churches that can easily meet their apportionment may excuse themselves from doing more. Such should bear in mind that what we ask is within the ability of the weakest—the more able we expect to go beyond their apportionment.

The poor should not be burdened that the wealthy may be eased, but there should be equality, and each should give as God has prospered them.

Honorable mention should be made of some Presbyteries, as Passaic and West Jersey, and individual churches in other Presbyteries that have gone beyond their apportionment.

When fully understood we believe the Church must accept the plan as reasonable, and one that will result in increased liberality and more systematic efforts for the enlargement of Zion.

The difficulties of the past year need not embarrass the Committee hereafter, should the Synod decide to continue this measure.

The Committee was continued, substituting the name of the Rev. T. L. Byington for that of the Rev. G. S. Mott for the Presbytery of Newton, Mr. Mott having connected himself with the Presbytery of Raritan.

The Rev. I. S. Porter, of the Newark Conference of the M. E. Church, and the Rev. C. G. Gurr, of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. R. S. Feagles of the Presbytery of Passaic, and the Rev. T. A. Legget, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

After a statement from Dr. T. E. Hunt, the Elder from the church at Clarksville, respecting the condition of that church, as having suffered greatly by the late storm and flood, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Synod, in view of the calamity which has befallen the Church at Clarksville, N. J., commends the suffering congregation to the beneficence of the churches under its care.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer reported that having examined the accounts with the vouchers, they find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of forty-one dollars and eleven cents.

The same committee having been charged with the duty of making an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, beg leave to state that one hundred and ninety-five dollars will be needed, and they recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:

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| Presbytery of | Elizabeth Town, | $23 00 |
| " | Passaic, | 23 00 |
| " | New Brunswick, | 41 00 |
| " | Newton, | 26 00 |
| " | Luzerne, | 20 00 |
| " | Susquehanna, | 8 00 |
| " | West Jersey, | 17 00 |
| " | Raritan, | 16 00 |
| " | Burlington, | 8 00 |
| " | Monmouth, | 13 00 |
| | | $195 00 |

Presbytery of Corisco—no charge.

The recommendation was adopted.

It was made the first order of the day to-morrow morning, to hear the representatives of the Committees and Boards of the Church.

The second order for to-morrow, to hear the reports of committees appointed to examine the Presbyterial Records, and

The third order to hear the Statistical Reports.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that with reference to the administration of the Lord's Supper this afternoon the following arrangements be made:

The Moderator to preside and offer prayer.

Address by Dr. Hall.

Rev. Dr. Ogden to administer the Bread.

Rev. Mr. Chandler to administer the Cup.

Address by Rev. Mr. Yeomans.

And that the following Elders distribute the Elements:

Messrs. Chambers, Stryker, Rankin, W. C. Wallace, Neighbour, Little, McFarlane, and J. G. Shipman.

The recommendation was adopted.

Synod then took a recess until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod met and attended upon the administration of the Lord's Supper, agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, after which Synod resumed business.

The Rev. W. E. Hamilton, of the Synod of Georgia, and the Rev. Wm. R. Work, of the Synod of Philadelphia, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Committee appointed to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion, made the following report which was accepted and adopted and ordered to be read at the meeting this evening.

Your Committee upon the "State of Religion" in the Synod, beg to report that they have received narratives from all the Presbyteries, and (with the exception of Susquehanna, which is in great part missionary ground,) these state that they have had the regular preaching of the Word upon the Sabbath, and that the attendance upon the public worship of God is large, increasing and marked by growing interest, a sufficient refutation of the slander that the pulpit is losing, or has lost its power.

Corresponding with this increase of attendance and interest, all the narratives speak of new church organization and the erection, or improvement, of church buildings and parsonages.

It is evident that special pains are taken with the religious training of the young in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes to which, in some places, sermons to children are added. Everywhere the superior importance of the word of God as the only infallible book, and therefore most worthy to be studied, is obtaining a practical recognition. When not only the youths, but the adults of our congregations, whose circumstances will allow, are found in Sabbath Classes for the purpose, then will the knowledge and the power as well as the members of the Church be vastly augmented, and the common question—"how shall we retain our older pupils in the Sabbath School"—will no longer be asked.

Some of the narratives, in terms of just self congratulation, speak of the regular payment of the salaries of their ministers, a very important sign of the state of religion among them. If however it could be said not merely that salaries were paid, (salaries often altogether inadequate where the ability of the people is ample) but that the ministers of our Presbyteries received a competent worldly maintenance there would be a more certain proof that the word of God was duly honoured.

Death has dealt lightly with the Synod, only two of its members having been called away during the year. The Rev. Abraham Williamson, who is briefly described, as a father in the Church, passed from "the life that is to the life that is to come," at Chester, N. J., on the 18th of June, 1869; and the Rev. George K. Marriner,

a brother in the midst of his days, but whom it had pleased the Lord of the vineyard, by bronchial disease for some years, to set aside from the pulpit, took his departure from earth at Trenton, on the 5th of September, 1869. It was evidently "gain" for these brethren "to die."

Old age transformed into immortal youth, and the inactivity compelled by disease, passed away forever in that land where the inhabitant shall no more say I am sick, they have doubtless entered with joy upon more abundant yet restful labour in the presence of that Lord whom having not seen they loved.

The Presbyteries have felt throughout the year the impulse given in the cause of christian liberality at the Synod of last year. From all of them come tidings of enlarged contributions and better still of systematic plans for securing the willing gifts of all the people. The Presbytery of New Brunswick tells us of an Elder who without diminishing his contributions to other causes, will hereafter himself sustain a Missionary in the foreign field. The Presbytery of Monmouth reports a still more costly offering. Two of her ministers, the Rev. Wm. McChesney and the Rev. Algernon Marcellus, with their wives, devote themselves to the service of Christ in China.

Several of the narratives make mention of the prevalence of vice and immorality and especially of intemperance, the fruitful parent of manifold evils. Happily, however, they speak of their churches as more or less earnestly at work in attempting to produce a better state of things.

The Presbytery of Raritan calls attention to the desecration of the Sabbath, especially by the young, while the parents seem to smile approval rather than openly to condemn it. Several of the Presbyteries, Luzerne, Passaic and West Jersey among them, speak of the year past as marked by a growing spirituality, and by greater activity, especially upon the part of laymen. The belief that we are not our own, being bought with a price, seems to be working itself out into a more complete consecration of self and substance to the service of our Lord.

The Presbytery of Burlington speaks of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon several churches. Monmouth makes particular mention of a work of grace in the church of Manalapan. Raritan tells us that under the same blessed influence the church at Stockton, an infant of two years old, has grown at once to maturity. West Jersey reports a special visitation of the Holy Spirit, more than half its churches having received large additions to their number. This was accompanied by a decided elevation in the tone of personal piety. The stated prayer meetings were infused with new life. Young men, young women, pious lads and pious girls,

and a Sunday School class, as such, had each their own separate meetings for prayer, and a number of pious women agreed among themselves to meet daily, three or four of them together at times and place convenient to ask for the quickening of the Holy Spirit. This spirit of supplication, coupled with a general readiness to work personally for the conversion of souls, as characteristic of what the Presbytery believed a genuine revival of religion, and this prayerfulness and activity to some good degree continue.

All the narratives mention such additions to the churches as prove that the Lord has not forsaken us. They contain, too, a very general expression of regret that the harvest of souls has not been larger—with longings for better days and the hope that these are not far distant.

As a matter of fact, however, the sad truth remains that the conversions reported for 1869 (1270) are nearly one-fourth less than the number reported for 1868 (1646) and are less than the average for the four years preceding.

What God has been pleased to accomplish among us and by us in the various matters referred to in the narrative calls for devout thanksgiving on our part.

But that so few have been brought to that knowledge of Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, should lead us to inquire carefully and honestly into the causes of this unfruitfulness; while with profoundest humility and earnest entreaty we seek at once the pardon of our unfaithfulness, and a richer blessing upon the year to come.

The Rev. Dr. E. J. Newlin, of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and Mr. David Blanchard, Elder, from the church of Pittston, of the same Presbytery, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

The Rev. Augustus Broadhead, of the Synod of Northern India, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that the following be the order of exercises at the meeting this evening.

The Moderator to preside, state the object of the meeting, and give out a hymn and offer prayer.

Address by the Rev. Dr. Irving.

Reading of the Narrative by Rev. Mr. Gregory.

Addresses by the Rev. Mr. Broadhead and Rev. Dr. Happer.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee to whom were referred the resolutions offered by the Rev. T. P. Hunt, reported.

Pending the discussion of their report the further consideration of the report was made the fourth order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Synod then took a recess until half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess Synod met and attended upon the ex-

ercises of the prayer meeting, agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

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THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'CLOCK, OCT. 21ST.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

The following telegraph was received from the Synod of New York and New Jersey in answer to that sent by this Synod.

The Synod of New York and New Jersey, in Session at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., cordially respond to the Fraternal Greetings of the Synod of New Jersey, in Session at Rahway, N. J. Hoping and believing that the coming Union will prove that we are one in Christ Jesus.

O. M. JOHNSON. STATED CLERK.

The Rev. J. F. Pingry of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

*Resolved*, That it be suggested to the respective Presbyteries of the Synod, that measures should be taken by them to defray the necessary expenses of the Synod's Committee on Beneficence.

Rev. S. C. Logan of the Presbytery of Luzerne, Rev. Wm. Scribner of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, and the Rev. J. T. Duffield, D.D., and the Rev. J. B. Davis of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

The Rev. J. M. Tuttle of the Newark Conference of the M. E. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to the Rev. Dr. Reed, Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Benevolent Contributions, the sum of Thirteen Dollars and Fifty Cents for expenses of printing, postage, &c., incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The Rev. Frank B. Hodge, of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and the Rev. J. E. Alexander, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

*Resolved*, That the next stated meeting of the Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1870, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. Mr. French, the Pastor of the church, and Theodore Little, Esq., an Elder in that church, be a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Hale, Secretary of the Fund for Disabled Ministers,

&c., was heard with reference to the condition of the several Boards and Committees of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Logan, late Secretary of the Committee on the Freedmen, then addressed the Synod at the request of the Committee.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly reported,

That they have attended to the duty assigned to them, but find nothing to report, calling for the action of the Synod, except what has already been presented by the Committee on Benevolent Contributions and acted upon.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. H. R. Wilson, D.D., of the Synod of Missouri, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of the Synod of St. Paul, being present, were invited to sit as correspondents.

It was made the order of the day to hear the Rev. Mr. Jackson this afternoon, after the prescribed orders of the day had been attended to.

Dr. Wilson was then heard on behalf of the Board of Church Extension.

Synod then adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

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HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. W. L. Moore, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by the Rev. Mr. Van Doren, were adopted:

*Whereas*, We desire to comply with the prayer of our Saviour for the union of his children, "that the world might believe in Him," therefore

*Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to the Churches under its care to hold during this year united religious meetings, particularly during the week of prayer, for the outpouring of the Spirit, and to invite all of God's people, more especially the different branches of the Presbyterian family, to unite with them in seeking this promised blessing, and as far as practicable afford an opportunity for God's people to celebrate together the Lord's Supper.

The statistical reports of the Presbyteries composing this Synod were then read, and are as follows:

The Presbytery of Elizabeth Town report to the Synod of New

Jersey, that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Churches, 5 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of April, 1869, they licensed Theodore W. Hunt to preach the Gospel; that on the same day they received the Rev. Henry L. Teller, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and on the 27th of the same month installed him Pastor of the First Church, Plainfield. That on the 5th of October they dismissed the Rev. J. Abeel Baldwin to join the Presbytery of Nassau; that on the following day they received the Rev. Aaron Peck from the Presbytery of Cleaveland and Portage; licensed L. Ludlow Kendall to preach the Gospel, and dismissed him to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Otsego.

The Presbytery further report that all the churches under their care have contributed to the several Boards of the General Assembly, to the Fund for Disabled Ministers, the Committee on Freedmen and the American Bible Society.

JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Churches and 5 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of December, 1868, they received the Rev. John A. French from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the First Church, Morristown; that on the 2d of March, 1869, they received the Rev. Alfred Yeomans from the Presbytery of Huntington, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Central Church, Orange; that on the 19th of June, 1869, the Rev. Abraham Williamson departed this life; that on the 22d of June the pastoral relation between the Rev. David M. James and the Church of Mount Olive was dissolved; that on the 18th of August the First German Evangelical Church of Carlstadt was organized; that on the 5th of October the Rev. David M. James was dismissed to join the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that on the 6th of October, the Rev. Albert J. Winterick was received from the Presbytery of Hudson, and the Rev. Robert S. Feagles was received from the Presbytery of Rockaway.

WM. H. HORNBLOWER, Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 44 Ministers and 23 Churches, and have under their care 9 licentiates and 26 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 2d of December, 1868, they received the Rev. R. H. Richardson, D D., from the Presbytery

of Londonderry, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Fourth Church of Trenton; that on the 2d of February, 1869, they received the Rev. James McCosh, D.D., LL.D., from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland; that on the same day they received the Rev. Daniel W. Cameron from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island as a foreign minister on probation, his probation to date from October 1st, 1868: that on the 3d of March they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George Hale, D.D. and the Church of Pennington, and that between the Rev. J. B. H. Janeway and the Second Church of Cranbury; that on the 2d of February they received Mr. John G. Smart, and on the 13th of April, Mr. Alexander H. Weir, as candidates for the work of the ministry; that on the 14th of April they licensed Mr. John A. McDonald and Mr. George Warrington to preach the Gospel; that on the 13th of May they received the Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke from the Presbytery of Raritan, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Second Church of Cranbury; that on the 18th of the same month they ordained Mr. J. V. W. Schenck, one of their licentiates, to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Hamilton Square; that on the 15th of June they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. S. Shriver and the Church at Hightstown and on the 5th of October dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Ohio; that on the 15th of June, they received the Rev. Henry Neil, D.D., from the Presbytery of Albany, and on the 8th of July installed him Pastor of the Second Church of New Brunswick; that on the 16th of October, instant, they organized a Church at Dayton, and that they have dismissed the following licentiates to put themselves under the care of the Presbyteries named, viz:

Mr. John Murdock, March 16th, 1869, Long Island.
Mr. Samuel H. McKown, April 2d, 1869, New Castle.
Mr. Daniel F. Lockerby, May 18th, 1869, Monmouth.
Mr. Wm. H. Hersman, July 6, 1869, Palmyra.

And that on the 20th day of October, instant, they received the Rev. Jesse B. Davis, from the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

JOSEPH G. SYMMES, Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Churches and 4 candidates.

They further report that on the 20th of October, 1868, they received Mr. J. D. Decker under their care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry; that on the 20th of January, 1869, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. George S. Mott to the Church of

Newton, and the pastoral relation of the Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt to the Church of Stroudsburg, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Everitt to join the Presbytery of Newark; that on the 27th of April they received the Rev. Peter H. Brooks from the Presbytery of Albany; that on the 28th of April they received the Rev. Theodore L. Byington from the Presbytery of Newark, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. George S. Mott to join the Presbytery of Raritan and received Mr. Jethro B. Woodward under their care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry; that on the 15th of May, they installed the Rev. Theodore L. Byington Pastor of the Church at Newton; that on the 8th of June they installed the Rev. Peter H. Brooks Pastor of the churches of Knowlton and Hope; that on the 5th of October they dismissed Mr. Jethro B. Woodward, a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Rockaway; that on the 6th of October they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. D. Kerr Freeman to the Church of Harmony, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Rockaway, and the same day received under their care Mr. W. D. Nicholas, as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

R. B. FORESMAN, Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 25 Ministers and have under their care 28 Churches, 1 licentiate and 4 candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 15th of December, 1868, the Rev. Solomon C. McElroy was received from the Presbytery of Mankato; that on the 16th of March, 1869, the West Bridgeton Church was organized at Bridgeton, N. J., that on the 19th of April, the Rev. William Bannard, D.D., was received from the Presbytery of Albany; that on the 20th of April, the Rev. Theodore A. Legget was received from the Presbytery of Hudson; that on the same day they licensed Mr. Samuel S. Wallen to preach the Gospel, and received under their care Mr. Andrew J. Sullivan as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry; that on the 21st of April they received the Rev. Uzal W. Condit from the Hopkinton Association, New Hampshire; that on the 27th of April they installed the Rev. William Bannard, D.D., Pastor of the Church of Salem; that on the 20th of May they installed the Rev. Theodore A. Legget, Pastor of the Church of Cape Island; that on the 14th of June they organized a Church at Bunker Hill, and that on the 7th of October the Rev. Chester Bridgman was received from the Hampden East Association, Massachusetts.

CHARLES T. McMULLIN, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 2 Candidates:

The Presbytery further report that on the 27th of January, 1869, they dismissed the Rev. James McWilliam to join the Presbytery of Rockaway—that on the 6th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Garritson, D.D., and the Church of Lawrenceville—that on the 4th of May, they licensed John D. Hewitt to preach the Gospel, and that on the 1st of September, they took under their care the newly organized Church of Arnot.

CHARLES C. CORSS, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 30 Churches, 1 Licentiate, and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 23d of February, 1869, they received the Rev. F. B. Hodge from the Presbytery of Newcastle, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Wilksbarre—that on the 26th of April, they received the Rev. A. G. Harned from the second Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the day following, received into full membership the Rev. Alexander Smith, formerly of York Presbytery, Province of New Brunswick; and dropped from their roll the name of the Scott's Church—that on the 23d of June, they organized a Church at Petersburgh—that on the 3d of September they received the Rev. Samuel C. Logan, from Lake Presbytery, and installed him Pastor of the first Church at Scranton—that on the 20th of September, they deposed from the ministry, the Rev. B. Sickel; and dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. W. H. Dinsmore to the Church of Mahanoy City, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Newton—and that on the same day the name of the Church of Harvey's Lake was changed to that of Lehman.

N. G. PARKE, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 18 Churches, and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 28th of October, 1868, they installed the Rev. J. B. Adams, pastor of the second Church of Amwell—that on the 15th of December, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John L. Janeway, D.D., and the Church of Flemington—that on the 22d of the same month they organized and enrolled the Kirkpatrick Memorial Church of Ringoes—that on the 16th of March, 1869, they organized and enrolled the Church of Clarksville—that on the 7th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Benjamin Carroll to join the second Presbytery of Philadelphia—that on the 4th of May, they received the Rev

George S. Mott from the Presbytery of Newton, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Flemington—and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke, and the Church of Bloomsbury, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick—that on the 5th of October they received the Rev. John Ewing from the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the following day dismissed the Rev. James W. Van Dyke to join the Presbytery of Siam.

P. A. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Churches and 2 Candidates

The Presbytery further report that on the 23d of March, 1869, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. B. H. Witherow, and the Church of Cream Ridge, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Donegal—that on the 14th of April they received under their care Mr. Henry R. Hall, a licentiate from the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the 4th of May ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the Church of Columbus—that on the 14th of September they received Mr. Wm. G. Cairnes a licentiate, under their care, from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and on the same day ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the Church at Cream Ridge, and also of Plumstead Church—and that on the 20th of October, they received the Rev. S. R. Anderson from the second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

EDWARD B. HODGE, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Monmouth report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 13 Churches, and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of October, 1868, they dismissed the Rev. D. McLaren to join the Presbytery of Baltimore—that on the 4th of November, 1868, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. A. Freeman and the Squan Village Church, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Rochester, and received the Rev. A. G. Chambers from the Presbytery of Cincinnati—that on the 27th of January, 1869, the Rev. J. O. Denniston was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed Pastor of the Matawan Church—that on the 14th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. M. Wells, and the Jamesburg Church, and licensed Mr. W. E. McChesney to preach the Gospel—that on the 31st of May, they received under their care Mr. D. F. Lockerby a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 13th of July ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Perrineville

Church—that at the same time Mr. W. E. McChesney, a licentiate under their care was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, as an Evangelist, he having received an appointment from the Board of Foreign Missions to labor at Canton, China. And that on the 5th of October the Rev. W. E. McChesney was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Canton.

W. M. WELLS, Stated Clerk.

The Rev. S. R. Anderson of the Presbytery of Burlington appeared in Synod and took his seat.

No report was received from the Presbytery of Corisco.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Elizabeth Town, Passaic, New Brunswick, Newton, Susquehanna, Raritan, Burlington, and Monmouth, severally reported, and the books were approved.

The records of the Presbytery of West Jersey were approved with the following exception, "the recording the vote of a Mr. Wm. Robinson, a ruling Elder on the question of re-union, he having previously ceased to act as an Elder."

*Resolved*, That the rule requiring members of Synod to account for their absence from the sessions of one year, before the Committee on leave of absence at the next annual meeting, be and it is hereby rescinded together with all resolutions hitherto passed with reference to this subject.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, being an overture from the Synod of St. Paul, asking this Synod to overture the General Assembly at Pittsburgh, to connect with the present work of the Board of Church Extension, a systematic effort to aid feeble congregations in securing parsonages or manses.

The Committe recommend the following reply ; *Resolved*, That while we recognize the importance of each congregation having a parsonage, and especially the importance of active effort in all Church work in the newer portions of the country, we are not prepared to recommend at present any definite ecclesiastical action upon this subject.

The report was adopted.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom were referred the resolutions offered by the Rev. T. P. Hunt, and after further discussion they were amended and adopted, and are as follows :

*Resolved*, That the evils of political corruption have become so great in this country, as seriously to threaten the safety of both our civil and religious institutions.

*Resolved*, That it belongs to the office of the pastor to give full instruction to his congregation upon their duties as citizens,

especially in reference to their supporting for the offices in the gift of the people, honest, conscientious, and competent men.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to every pastor in connection with this Synod, to read the foregoing resolutions from the pulpit, and that the whole subject be earnestly commended to the consciences of the Elders and members of our Churches.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson then addressed the Synod on the state of religion beyond the Rocky Mountains, and referred to the dearth of religious instruction in the Far West.

The Committee on leave of absence reported that the following members of Synod have been excused and allowed to return home during the present sessions. The report was adopted.

Messrs. Lucas, English, Dr. Blauvelt, McDowell, Day, Roberts Chester, Craven, Hornblower, Harris, French, Condit, Jenkins, Mann, Alexander, Hamill, Studdiford, Janeway, Scudder, Owens,, Stults, Davis, Brace, Pratt, Upham, Burrows, Hunt, Doremus, Laurie, Byington, Hand, Condit, Darrach, Carrol, Shields, Jones, Randolph, Upham.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to the citizens of Rahway for their bountiful provision for the members of the Synod—to the managers of the different Railroads, who have kindly furnished free return tickets, and also to the reporter of the New Brunswick *Fredonian*, for the full and accurate report of the proceedings of the Synod.

The Treasurerwas directed to pay the Janitor's bill, amounting to eight dollars.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, New Jersey, on the third Tuesday of October, 1870, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and the Benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, Stated Clerk.

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